Research Centre at Palode in Trivandrum district of Kerala, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Autonomous District Council in Mizoram

2146. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the demand of Hmar People's Convention of Mizoram for the creation of an Autonomous District Council comprising Hmar inhabited areas of Mizoram and neighbouring States; and

(b) if so, action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government is trying to find a negotiated settlement of the problem and two rounds of talks have been held between the Hmar People's Convention and the State Government.

[Translation]

S.T.D. Facility in District Headquarters

2147. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of district headquarters in which S.T.D. facility has been provided;

(b) whether the above facility is available in all district headquarters in Rajasthan;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide S.T.D. facility in big towns also in addition to the district headquarters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Out of the total 464 district headquarters (DHQ) of the country 423 have been provided with S.T.D. facility.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During the 8th Five Year Plan.

[English]

Foodgrains Production

2148. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for foodgrains production during 1990-91, State-wise; and

(b) the efforts made so far to achieve those targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) During the year, 1990-91 a target of 176.5 million tonnes was fixed. State-wise break-up of the targets is given in the attached Statement.

(b) Special Foodgrains Production Programme was implemented for increasing the production and productivity of foodgrains in different states. A scheme for assistance to Small & Marginal Farmers for construction of shallow tubewell/dugwell was implemented for supporting the irrigation potential to agriculture Production